

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Western Redcedar
Thuja plicata

The flattened, aromatic leaves are scalelike, very small, glossy green above, with white marks beneath. The bark is purplish brown in vertical strips. The male flowers are red-black and turn yellow as they open. The female flowers are yellow-green and occur in clusters at the shoot-ends in the spring. The cones are ovoid, 1/2 inch (1.2 cm) long, starting yellow-brown and ripening to brown. Their native range is from California to Alaska and from the coastal mountains to the Rockies. With ideal conditions, they can grow to be 164 feet (50 m) tall or greater. As a matter of fact, the third and fourth largest trees on the National Register of Big Trees are Western redcedars, and they are here in Washington. The Western redcedar also played a pivotal role in the lives of the native peoples of the Northwest, providing them with shelter, clothing, and transportation.

-Courtesy of Allen J. Coombes



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

I hope everyone had a wonderful Urban and Community Forestry Month. Now that summer is over and autumn winds are blowing the leaves off of the deciduous trees, it is an apt time to remind everyone of the importance of composting those leaf piles. Not only will it greatly reduce the amount of refuse already piling up in our landfills, but it will also make some prime organic fertilizer in a growing season or two. If you are interested in learning how to get a compost bin started or to learn how to get the most out of the one you already have, give us a call and we can put you in contact with your county's recycling coordinator. Now I have to go, I think I hear my compost pile calling. -Kevin

Tree City USA Applications Almost Due

Communities interested in attaining the certification, and those wishing to recertify need to have their completed application in to our office by December 31, 1998. Recertifying communities applying for growth awards also need to have the paperwork in by New Year's Eve. There are four standards which must be met for certification:

- A Tree Board or Department
- A City Tree Ordinance
- A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

If you are interested in finding out more about what it takes to become a Tree City USA or a Tree Line USA, and the benefits, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

National Tree Trust Seedlings Available

Every year the NTT donates tens of thousands of 1-year old seedlings in increments of 100 per species for tree planting projects around the nation. The grant applicant chooses from a list of selected species, primarily natives, which are adapted to their specific planting region. Applicants apply for the trees through one of two different programs. The America's Treeways program is for trees which will be planted along any roadside or on any land under the jurisdiction of ANY transportation authority (federal, state, or municipal). The Community Tree Planting Grant is for planting projects on public lands, such as schools, parks, and cemeteries.

Grant recipients are required to have volunteers either plant or containerize the seedlings and maintain the trees for at least two years. Volunteers can include individuals, students, youth groups, civic groups, tree board members, prison inmates, etc. The planting site must also be outfitted with an adequate water supply. The grantee will also have to submit Annual Report Forms for two years following the receipt of the seedlings.

If a community has a couple successful years of plantings with the NTT Grants they are eligible to become a Regional Growing Out Station which receives large numbers of the seedling for the sole purpose of growing them to larger caliper and then distributing them to surrounding communities. For more information or applications, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733 or contact NTT at 1-800-846-8733.

National Arborist Association's Tree Care Industry Expo '98

TCI Expo '98 is taking place November 5-7 in Baltimore, Maryland, and promises to be the largest arborist trade show under one roof and the only major arborist trade show in the United States, this year. The attendants range from presidents, owners, and purchasing agents of commercial tree care companies to consultants, managers, and staff of municipal resource departments. The exhibitors include a large array of manufacturers and distributors of arborist equipment, chemicals, supplies, and business-related services. For more information, visit NAA's website at www.natlarb.com/tciexpo.htm or call NAA at 1-800-733-2622.

In the works (continued)

Grow as the trees grow,
Your head lifted straight to the sky,
Your roots holding fast where they lie,
In the richness below;
-Ellen Bugbee

TRIVIA: What tree species, in Washington, holds the number five position on the National Register of Big Trees?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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(*Picea sitchensis*, Sitka spruce)

ISA Arborist Certification Exams

The dates have been set for several Arborist Certification Exams. The earliest is November 14, in Oregon City, OR. The next one is up in West Vancouver, BC, December 4. There will also be one in Olympia, WA, December 5, which is a change from its original location of Seattle, WA. If you miss all of these then you can always make it to Boise, ID on January 23. If you would like to sign up for one of these dates or have any questions, contact the Pacific Northwest Chapter office at (503) 585-4285.

Tree Diagnostics Workshop Scheduled

If you have ever struggled with the question, "What's wrong with my tree?", then this class is for you. The class will deal with the major concepts behind the science and art of diagnostics. The speakers will cover the process of determining tree health and the factors that contribute to tree decline and death. The course will be held December 8, at the Glen Eagles Golf Course in West Vancouver, BC. The class is \$60 for ISA members, \$75 for non-members, and \$30 for students. Registration information can be obtained by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Poulsbo Tree City USA Forum

On November 10, in Poulsbo, WA, the Washington Tree City USAs will share in a day of success stories and learning experiences. This event is open to certified Tree Cities only, and is one of the many benefits of receiving the award. Next year's forum will be held in Sumner, WA. Why don't you see what you can do to make sure your community can attend next year?

ISA ArborMaster Training videos. In three separate video series, ISA veterans, Ken Palmer and Rip Tompkins cover a wide array of training topics. Series I "Climbing Techniques and Equipment" is six videos with six lessons and is good for six CEU credits. Series II "Innovations in Climbing Equipment" is two lessons on two tapes and is good for two CEU credits. Series III "Chainsaw Safety, Maintenance and Cutting Techniques" contains eight lessons on six cassettes and is good for eight CEU credits. Herschel Hale, member of the ANSI Z133 Safety Committee, said, "the ISA ArborMaster video training series should be an integral part of any safety program." For ordering information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

1998 ASLA National Conference Proceedings. The American Society of Landscape Architects recently held their annual meeting in Portland, OR. One of the highlights is an article about the Cornell Structural Soil Mix. To obtain a copy, call the ASLA bookstore at 1-800-787-2665.

November

- 4 Tree Growth and Response Workshop. Portland, OR. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 for PNW-ISA members, \$75 for non-members, and \$30 for students. 5.5 CEU credits available. For registration information, call PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285 or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.
- 5-7 Tree Care Industry Expo '98. Baltimore, MD. For information, see above.
- 7 PlantAmnesty-Lovejoy Pruning and Landscape Renovation Workshop. Seattle, WA. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instructors will be Cass Turnbull and Ann Lovejoy. Cost is \$80, proceeds go to PlantAmnesty. For information, call (206) 783-9813.
- 14 Native Plants from Hardwood Cuttings. Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle, WA. 9 a.m. to noon. Instructor is Jim Ellingboe, Certified Nurseryman. \$18, pre-registration required, class space is limited. Call CUH at (206) 685-8033.
- 18 Advanced Tree Appraisal Workshop. Olympia, WA. Ramada Inn Governors House. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anticipated instructors will be Galen Wright and Steve Goetz. Cost is \$85 for non-members, \$68 for members, and \$30 for students. For information, contact PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.